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## 2-2 CENT RATE HELD UP BY I. C. C.

Interstate Passenger Tariff for Kansas Is Suspended.

Not Until June 29, at Least, Will Higher Fares Apply.

IT WOULD HIKE MANY RATES

All Trips From State to Out of State Points Affected.

Increase Was to Have Gone Into Effect Monday Morning.

The interstate commerce commission has suspended the tariffs for the interstate passenger rate increase until June 29. The rates were to go into effect Monday, March 1.

The railways of twelve western states filed notice some time ago with the commission that they would raise the rates from one state to another from 2 cents to 2 1/2 and 3 cents a mile. That was followed by a formal protest of the railway commissions of those states, who filed a joint protest to the action. They asked the commission to suspend these rates. The public utilities commission of Kansas was one of the protesters.

Word of the decision of the interstate commerce commission was received in Topeka this afternoon. The commission has notified nearly every railway. The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific passenger traffic department received word of the order of suspension and immediately wired the Topeka headquarters. No official communication has been received by the Santa Fe up to 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, although one was expected at any time.

The railroads filed the notice of a rate increase with the commission a month ago, following the regulation of a 30-day notice before the tariff was to go into effect.

The commission has set a hearing for May 17. The hearing will be held in Washington and representatives of the railroads and the railroad commissions of the various states will be there to present their side of the case.

The tariff particularly affected Kansas and neighboring states. For passengers from any part of the state to Kansas City, Mo., the rate would be 2 1/2 cents a mile, while at the same time rates to Kansas City, Kan., just over the line, would be 2 cents a mile. In some localities the rate would be advanced to 3 cents a mile. That applied especially to Kansas towns that are near the borders of Nebraska and Colorado.

Though Rates Too Low. When filing their new rates with the commission, the railroads did so on the grounds that the present interstate rates were too low. The roads said that they had the legal and moral right to raise the fares.

The new rates were arranged and everything was in preparation for the change next Monday. Ticket agents had received their full instructions and it was not until late today that word of the decision "limmered" into local railway circles before the official document had been received.

To many, the decision handed down today was not a complete surprise. To others, it was like a thunderbolt from a clear sky. Judge Helm, of the public utilities commission, stated at 12 o'clock this morning that he believed such a report would be issued within a day or two. Half an hour later he received word of the suspension in the tariffs.

The rate between Topeka and Kansas City, Mo., would increase 35 cents each way and the farther west a ticket was purchased the rate would increase proportionately.

## TO SUSPEND INCREASE

I. C. C. Decides Not to Allow Railroads to Raise Passenger Rates.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The interstate commerce commission has suspended the proposed increases in passenger rates in what is known as the "Western and Southwestern Passenger Association territory." These increases were to go into effect March 1 next.

Interstate Commerce Commissioner Daniels had been assigned by the commission to proceed to Chicago and hold meetings there on the merits of the case, the hearings to begin on May 17.

The increases proposed amounted to half a cent a mile and a raise of the price of 2,000 miles from \$40 to \$45.

Huggins Stays With Cards. St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 26.—Miller Huggins, manager of the St. Louis Nationals, late Thursday signed a three-year contract to continue in that position and thereby dispelled numerous rumors that he would leave the team.

## USE OF BAYONET.

London, Feb. 26.—The bayonet was first pronounced obsolete in the Spanish-American war. In the few cases where fighting was done in the Philippines at close quarters, the Americans used their bayonets as a nuisance. This was also the verdict of the British in the Boer war. In the Russo-Japanese campaign, however, the bayonet returned to favor, with the result that the American government reconsidered its intention to abolish the bayonet, and this arm was also retained by the British.

Now come the reports of the constant use of the bayonet in French wars. Quickness of thrust and parry, of foot, eye and decision are necessary in this kind of fighting.

## SHIP OF WAR STRIKES SNAG MINE WHILE IN ADRIATIC

French Destroyer Dague Is Sent to the Bottom of Sea.

Went Down With the Probable Loss of Her Crew of 38.

## THE SVARTON IS DAMAGED

Swedish Ship Encounter a Mine or Torpedo in North Sea.

Constantinople Announces a Victory Over Russian Forces.

London, Feb. 26.—Two additions to the long list of disasters at sea during the war were made known today. The French destroyer, Dague, struck a mine in the Adriatic and went down with the probable loss of 38 lives. The Swedish merchantman Svarton was damaged badly by a mine or torpedo in the north sea, but was able to reach a Dutch port.

From Constantinople is announced a victory by the Turkish forces over Russian forces in the trans-Caucasus.

## QUICK RELIEF IS PLAN OF HOUSE

Body Passes \$50,000 "Foot and Mouth" Appropriation Today.

Gives State Power to Issue \$250,000 in 5 Per Cent Bonds.

## THROW EXPENSE ON FUTURE

Administration Dodged Immediate Raising of Funds.

State's Share of Expense for Killing Infected Stock.

By a vote of 102 to 11, the house today handed the state a possible bond issue of a quarter of a million dollars to meet expense of fighting the

foot and mouth disease and made emergency appropriation of \$50,000 for immediate relief. The ways and means committee bill as adopted in the house provides that the state executive council may issue \$250,000 of twenty year 5 per cent bonds to meet the state's share of the expense for killing infected animals.

Action of the house today followed a meeting in representative hall Thursday night when senate and house members discussed the situation with representatives of the state's live stock interests. Members of both houses favored state aid for the stockmen. The only question was the method of meeting the expense.

Friends of the state administration dodged an immediate appropriation and the raising of the money by direct taxation at this time. So the ways and means committee framed a bill which will throw the expense on future administrations.

Doerr of Pawnee county, minority house leader, fought the bond issue on the floor today, but on final passage of the bill voted for the measure as the only method of affording relief. Nelhart of Osage county also spoke against the bond issue. He voted as he spoke.

Members voting against the bill because of its bond issue provisions were: Clark of Sheridan, Farr of Lincoln, Harley of Cherokee, Hoskinson of Finney, Jewett of Lane, Joyce of Grant, Nelhart of Osage, Pierce of Wyandotte, Riebs of Anderson, Tromble of Mitchell and Van Cleave of Wyandotte. All members voting against passage of the bill are Democrats except Farr of Lincoln, Republican.

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## CUPID'S POISONED DART WAS TOO MUCH FOR GEO. WINTON

19-Year-Old Boy Wrote Sad Note to His Topeka Sweetheart.

Declaring That He Would Be Dead When She Read Letter.

## ARRESTED FOR STEALING

Reformatory Parole Had Been Taken by Sheriff Kline on Farm.

Love and Discontentment Mixed With Wanderings of the Boy.

Another probable suicide case was prevented by Joe Quinon, night jailer at the county jail and deputy sheriff, when he picked up George Winton, a 19 year old boy at 9 o'clock Friday evening at Sixth and Kansas avenue. Following his arrest by Quinon, the boy was lodged in the county jail and booked for breaking his parole from the Hutchinson reformatory, where he was committed some time ago for forging checks.

According to officials, Winton broke parole Wednesday afternoon and stole a watch, several articles of clothing and a suit case from the house of George Miller, for whom he had been working on a farm for the last six weeks at Willard, Kan.

When the boy's pockets were searched this morning by Hugh Larimer, undersheriff, a note to a girl living in Topeka saying that when she received the letter he would be dead, was found. The message was scribbled on the back of an envelope and asked the girl to forgive him and stated that she would know the reason why Winton committed the act.

Pathos in His Story. There is considerable pathos in the story of Winton's troubles. Officials who have noticed the boy say that he easily becomes despondent.

Several weeks ago after Winton had been sentenced to the reformatory, L. L. Kline, sheriff, became interested in the boy's case and secured his parole. The sheriff also found the boy a job on the farm of George Miller, Willard, Kan. For six weeks Winton held the position and was trusted by his employer.

But apparently temptation was too strong for the boy Wednesday when Miller and his wife left home for a few hours, leaving Winton on the place. According to officials, Winton entered the house, took a lady's gold watch, a revolver, George Miller's wedding suit, an overcoat, a suit case and a few articles of wearing apparel, and left the farm.

The official who arrested him said Winton was wearing the clothes taken from the farmhouse when arrested. A pawn ticket which was found in the boy's pocket, officials say, showed that he had pawned the watch for \$3.50 at a local pawn shop.

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## ALLIES' SHIPS ARE DRIVEN OFF

Constantinople Reports Three Warships Are Damaged

While Engaged in Bombarding the Dardanelles Forts.

## WERE UNDER FIRE FOR HOURS

London Says All the Forts Have Been Reduced.

Makes No Mention of Any Losses to Fleet.

Constantinople, Feb. 26.—Three warships of the allies were badly damaged in the bombardment of the Dardanelles forts February 25, ac-

ording to an announcement given out today at the headquarters of the Turkish army here.

Here is the text of the announcement: "Ten big armored vessels on February 25 again bombarded the Turkish forts at the Dardanelles for a period of seven and one-half hours. At the conclusion of this operation they retired in the direction of the island of Tenedos.

"One ship of the Agamemnon type and two other armored vessels were damaged by the fire from the forts on the Asiatic side of the straits."

It was announced from London last night that all the forts at the entrance of the Dardanelles had been reduced by the fleets of Great Britain and France, a naval force which has been estimated at something over thirty vessels. The English announcement made no mention of losses either to vessels or in men. It described the operations as successful and they were continuing. The Dardanelles are the key to Constantinople and the effort to force them has been going on since the middle of December.

In possession of this waterway, which is a strait about 45 miles long and from one to three miles wide, between the Sea of Marmora and the Mediterranean, the warships of the allies would not encounter any serious difficulty in making their way to Constantinople and training their great guns on the Turkish capital.

Turkey always has relied on the strength of the Dardanelles fortifications for protection from attack by [Continued on Page Two]

## PASS "LOAN" BILL

Provident Low Interest Measure Approved by House.

Only Six Votes Against Anti-Loan Shark Measure.

The house has passed the provident loan association bill, providing for the loaning of small sums at an interest rate of 2 per cent a month. The bill was offered by Bird of Shawnee. Only six votes were registered against the bill on final passage.

Recently the provident loan bill was killed in the senate. It was revived, however, and is now back on the upper house calendar under general order. An effort will be made to put through the measure at this session. Two years ago the bill passed both houses, but was lost and never became a law. As soon as the bill is through both houses, a provident loan association for Topeka will be incorporated under the state law.

## JACK THE SLUGGER

A Man 60 Years of Age Is Placed Under Arrest.

Suspected of Beating a Young Woman to Death.

Aurora, Ill., Feb. 26.—A man 60 years old, described as being an eccentric, was held under arrest by the police today in connection with the murder of Miss Emma Peterson, who was found with her head crushed and jaw broken half a block from her home last night. It was the third myster-

ious killing in Aurora in the last few months.

The new law will become effective in a few days, or as soon as it is signed by a governor and published in the official state paper. By many members the bill is regarded as one of the most important pieces of farm legislation before this session of the state legislature.

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